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Shoji-kun never
gave up

Till the very end...



For
Koshien Stadium,
the arena for
Japan's national
baseball
tournament, the
game went a
huge lot down

During the
baseball
district
qualifying
finals in
summer,

Aoyama High
School was
blown out;
18-1



I thought that I
liked the "you"
I saw back then.

You'll only be disappointed!

I don't think you even would!

Give up on Shuji!

My friends were against it.

Didn't you say that you were happy with just looking at him?

I know, but I'm not going to just "look" anymore.

Even though I've started reading...

I'll be brave...

I'm...

I'M ANNA TORIKAWA, AND I'M A 2ND YEAR.

And confess to you!







HEY! YOU!
YOU ARE
STUPID FOR HER!

SHOJO
-BROTHER!

DON'T DO IT
DON'T QUIT!

DON'T GIVE
UP ON THE
CHAMPION
-BROT!



I'M QUITTING
FOR NOW!

I'VE GOT A
SWEETHEART TOO
SO I'M GOING TO
GO ON FOR
DATES WITH HER!

SHOJO!
WHAT DO
YOU PLAN
TO DO
ABOUT NEXT
YEAR'S
CHAMPION
-BROT?

I thought I liked the "you"
who never gives up until the very end.

I DON'T EVEN
LIKE BASEBALL!

...I'm...



IT'S OVER
AND DONE. I
DON'T CARE!



I had
imagined
this kind
of date.

but...



How did
it come to
this?

Woosh

THE JUDGE
CRYSTAL JUST
COMPLETED!

I
thought
that
maybe
it was
fated.

You
were the
last
member
of the
basketball
team, **Sho-kun**.



OH, YOU
SHOULD
JOIN

IS IT ONLY
TWO HOURS
MORE TO GO
TOURNAMENT?

The basketball
team practice
should've started
yesterday after
school.

I could go to
practice, hand
you towels and
go home with
you.

I'm disap-
pointed...



QUIT...



SO I QUIT.



I TOLD YOU THAT I DID IT A FEW TIMES

QUIT.



IF I HADN'T QUIT, WE PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE DATING.

HUMBLE

BECAUSE

FOR A LONG TIME, I'VE BEEN A FISH



THAT WAY.

AM

I SEE.



I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING ELSE BECAUSE I HAD NO CHOICE.

I DIDN'T HAVE MUCH MORE TIME, BUT I WAS OF NO USE.

I WOULD LET MY BODY BEAT DOWN, BUT I DIDN'T GO OUT.



Ooh!

IF I GUYT
BASEBALL, I'M
YOUNGS ONLY!

EH-- WHAT'S
WITH YOU?

HOW
SCARED

I-I'M HAPPY
WITH JUST
WATCHING
YOU!



It looks like...
he's really
having fun...

IT IS NOT
GAY BEING
YOUNG LIKE
THIS, BUT...

BASE
BALL IS
NOTHING
FOR HIM
ANYMORE
ANYMORE...

Go! Go!

HELO

WHAT'S
GUYT'S GO?

I'VE ALWAYS
WANTED TO GO
OUT ON A
DATE LIKE THIS!









YOURSELF

I SAID THAT
BECAUSE

YOU
LOOKED LIKE
YOU WERE



I DIDN'T
KNOW YOU
WANTED TO
EAT COOKED
THAT BADLY

NOT ANNY-



NOT
REALLY

I WOULD HAVE
THOUGHT OF
ACQUAINTANCE
PRETTY

SAID

I-I'M
SORRY FOR
WASTING-



THANK YOU

YOU

YOUR TRYING
TO HELP ME,
WOULDN'T YOU?





But
I-BUT-

WHY ARE YOU
SUSPICIOUS?

IT'S
BECAUSE OF
THE EFFORT
YOU TOOK TO
CONFESS TO
ME

I'VE NEVER BEEN
THROUGH THAT BEFORE
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M
DATING A PERSON
ON MY TEAM, RIGHT?



Although I
thought I would
be disappointed
that he'd quit
baseball

Even though
I like him
when he plays
baseball...



AAH

W-WHAT?

SAKI: WE KNOW
IT WON'T GO
WE GO TO GET
SWEETS!

IT IS BOLD
OVER THERE



Compared
to when I
watched
him practice
from afar...

Compared
to when I didn't
say anything in
those matches...

ESTAR
TEAM ON

...What
should I
do?

The Shot-kan
that I know now
is making
my heart beat
the fastest.

Maybe
I wouldn't
have...

Known that
dating him could
be like this-

THAT MOVIE
WAS PRETTY
FUNNY

3 days
later...

We've had
five dates
without
any
problems

YEAH

He'd asked
me out on
a date
everyday.



hehehe



WHAT'S GOING
HAPPEN IF SUCH
A POWER?

Don't
forget about
bachelors!!

WHAT DO
YOU WANT
TO DO?
HOW ABOUT
SOME
WED THAT
SHORT

I'VE GOT TO
DO SOMETHING
MAYBE I'LL TRY
A QUESTION
RELATED TO IT



CLUNK!

WHAT IS IT,
SHOCKING?

ああ



HEY
SHOCK
KID

CAN WE
WATCH IT A
LITTLE ?

OH
HELLO

HEY'S MY
DANCE TO
TALK ABOUT
BASEBALL!



ΔH-

THEY'RE
SECOND-
CLASSING
A PRO
BASEBALL
DANCE!





WE
NEED
SOME
KIND OF
CONVICTION...

I WANT TO
RELY ON
SOMEONE...

LET'S
GET SOME
SURETIES...

...Wait...?



If you have
the chance, I'm
sure you'll
go back to the
team.



...If he goes
back...

What will
become of me?



If he
stays...

But if
he goes
back...

He'll
date
me.

"Probably if
I hadn't quit
we wouldn't
be dating."









SHOJI!

THERE'S NOTHING
YOU LIKE MORE
THAN BASEBALL,
RIGHT??

WILL YOU
CONTINUE
TO BE WITH
ME ONLY??

IF YOU
DON'T

DO YOU
REALLY WANT
TO QUIT
PLAYING??

THINK-
HUBB!!

SHOJI-
KUN

JUST LEAVE
IT ALONE!

I DON'T WANT
JUST BECAUSE
WE O-LIVED-

I've always
watched you.



TOUCHA-
HADA ♪

Right now,
the "you" that's
by my side...

Isn't the real
"you", right?

I get it...

SO THEN,
LET ME END IT

BY THAT
CASE,

I'LL GIVE
YOU
A CHANCE
TO GET

I want to do
something that
I'm able to do
for your sake.

IT'S STILL
A SECRET

A CHANCE

WHAT ARE YOU
TRYING TO DO?

It's because
I like you.

Since you like
baseball...

PLEASE
COME TO
SCHOOL.

NEXT
SATURDAY.

Let's
stop this,
please...

SCHOOL

AWESOME
YOU
ACTUALLY
CARE!

OUTSTANDING









PLEASE RUN
IN THE FIRST
BROOK-HOLE!

IF YOU LOSE...

YOU WILL
QUIT!!

IF YOU WANT
TO GET, LOSE
THE SAME!

THAT'S HOW
IT IS, SO...

KUMI



YOU'VE GONE
THIS FAR TO DO
ALL OF THIS.



Putting
that
game.

Shou-ken
never left the
roomed.

Even
if some
got

a shot
off...



He didn't
run away. He
forgot!



And forget!

Till the last
feeling...

From
seeing you

I've got my
courage...



This is the
courage
that I've
received
from you.

I PRAY...

**FOR AZUMI
HIGH SCHOOL'S
VICTORY-!!**

I COULDN'T
EVEN HELP
THE FIRST TIME
WE TALKED.



SHE'S TOO COOL



NO!

NO!

SHO-JI!

AMMO!

GET YOUR
ASS ON THE
MACHINE!

DON'T
YOU WANT
TO WIN?

ZUMI



STOP
MESSING
AROUND!

I ALWAYS
WANT TO WIN
BADLY!



I THOUGHT
THAT I ALREADY
DID EVERYTHING
I COULD...

IT WAS
TROUBLESHOME,
BUT I DIDN'T
HAVE ANY
SECRETS

I THOUGHT THAT
IT WOULD BE
ONLY SO QUIT.

However...

Why did
I still want
to do it?



RISE!

...!

RISE
RISE!



The sound
of summer
is echoing.

From the
insides of the
radio...

To the far,
far off future...

I WILL!

From the
ground...

BUT OTHER THAN
THAT, IF YOU'RE
OKAY WITH IT, GO
OUT WITH ME

I'LL KEEP ON
PRACTISING. WE
CAN'T GO ON
DATES ANYMORE

I'LL HAVE
TO CUT MY
HAIR



I'll be
watching
over you,
for I am
right by
your side.

Someday,
it will reach
you too...



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